

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 07 December 2001
Name of applicant/court: S M Powell
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Nanny Mango
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Te Papa Press
Author: John Walsh
Format: Book
Country of Origin: New Zealand
Languages: English and Maori

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Nanny Mango* is classified as:
Unrestricted.

The book is an illustrated narrative for children with a bicultural focus. It contains images in pen, coloured pencil and crayon and a text in English and Maori. The book tells the story of a modern-day kaitangata ngarara (man-eating monster) and contains some matters of violence. These are in the form of images and text regarding the female monster eating her human victims, for example an image of the large female figure biting the head off a victim. The images are sometimes graphic but are not gory. They are dealt with in a comic and heavily stylised manner which reduces their realism and impact. Furthermore the violent acts of the central character are not those of a human and the book's rhyming text, moral core and central themes of magic and monsters are reminiscent of many standard children's story classics.

The provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been taken into account in determining this classification. While the publication deals with matters of violence, it does not do so in a manner that would make it injurious to the public good if made available to a general audience. The classification therefore imposes no limit on the freedom of expression as outlined in the NZBR Act.

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